

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A blur correction apparatus comprising:

a blur correcting optical system ~~constituting~~including at least a part of a photographic optical system, which corrects a blur occurring at an image-capturing surface of a photographing apparatus by moving within a movable range extending along a direction substantially perpendicular to an optical axis of the photographic optical system;

a blur correction drive unit that drives the blur correcting optical system;

a blur correction operation enabling unit that selects either a blur correction enabled state in which a blur correction operation executed by driving the blur correcting optical system is enabled or a blur correction disabled state in which the blur correction operation is disabled; and

a control unit that controls the blur correction drive unit in the blur correction disabled state so as to hold the blur correcting optical system at a specific position in the blur correction disabled state over a required length of time starting by supplying power at a specific time point, point in the blur correction disabled state, and that stops supplying power to the blur correction drive unit in the blur correction disabled state so as to not hold the blur correcting optical system at any specific position.

2. (Currently Amended) A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the blur correcting optical system can freely move within the movable range in the blur correction disabled state when the power supply is stopped.

3. (Original) A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
the specific time point is a photographing operation start point.
4. (Original) A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
the specific time point is a time point at which the photographing apparatus is subjected to a shock.
5. (Currently Amended) A blur correction apparatus according to claim 4,
wherein:
the time point at which the photographing apparatus is subjected to a shock is at least one of: a time point at which ~~an~~a flash device included in the photographing apparatus is deployed, a time point at which ~~the~~a focal length is changed by the photographic optical system, a time point at which a focusing operation is executed with the photographic optical system and a time point at which power to the photographing apparatus is turned on.
6. (Currently Amended) A blur correction apparatus comprising:
a blur correcting optical system ~~constituting~~including at least a part of a photographic optical system, which corrects a blur occurring at an image-capturing surface of a photographing apparatus by moving within a movable range extending along a direction substantially perpendicular to an optical axis of the photographic optical system;
a blur correction drive unit that drives the blur correcting optical system;
a blur correction operation enabling unit that selects either a blur correction enabled state in which a blur correction operation executed by driving the blur correcting

optical system is enabled or a blur correction disabled state in which the blur correction operation is disabled; and

a control unit that controls the blur correction drive unit in the blur correction disabled state so as to move the blur correcting optical system to a position at which the optical axis of the photographic optical system and an optical axis of the blur correcting optical system are substantially aligned with each other at a start of a photographing operation and hold the blur correcting optical system at the position by supplying power at a specific time point.

7. (Previously Presented) A photographing apparatus comprising:
 - a blur correction apparatus according to claim 1;
 - an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system; and
 - a recording processing unit that records the image captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.
8. (Original) A photographing apparatus according to claim 7 further comprising:
 - a display unit that displays the image obtained through the photographic optical system.
9. (Previously Presented) A photographing apparatus comprising:
 - a blur correction apparatus according to claim 2;
 - an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system; and

a recording processing unit that records the image captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.

10. (Previously Presented) A photographing apparatus comprising:
- a blur correction apparatus according to claim 3;
 - an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system; and
 - a recording processing unit that records the image captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.

11. (Previously Presented) A photographing apparatus comprising:
- a blur correction apparatus according to claim 4;
 - an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system; and
 - a recording processing unit that records the image captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.

12. (Previously Presented) A photographing apparatus comprising:
- a blur correction apparatus according to claim 5;
 - an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system; and
 - a recording processing unit that records the image captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.

13. (Previously Presented) A photographing apparatus comprising:

a blur correction apparatus according to claim 6;
an image-capturing device that electronically captures an image obtained through the photographic optical system; and
a recording processing unit that records the image captured by the image-capturing device into a recording medium.

14. (New) A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
the blur correcting optical system is held by electromagnetic force to maintain an image position at the image-capturing surface in the blur correction disabled state.
15. (New) A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
the blur correcting optical system is held at the specific position by supplying the power without any mechanical contact between the blur correcting optical system and the blur correction drive unit.
16. (New) A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
the blur correcting optical system is held at the specific position with at least one elastic member.
17. (New) A blur correction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
the control unit controls the blur correction drive unit to hold the blur correcting optical system at the specific position unless a predictable shock has occurred.
18. (New) A photographing apparatus comprising:
a movable flash device that illuminates an object;

a corrector that corrects a blur of the photographing apparatus;

a moving mechanism that moves the flash device to a first position, the flash device illuminating the object while at the first position; and

a controller that controls the corrector so as to hold the corrector at a constant position during a movement of the flash device to the first position.

19. (New) A photographing apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising an interchangeable lens that is detachable from the photographing apparatus, the interchangeable lens comprising the corrector.

20. (New) A photographing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein:
the controller controls a driver which drives the corrector to correct the blur.

21. (New) A photographing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein:
the flash device illuminates the object during exposure executed by the photographing apparatus.

22. (New) A photographing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein:
the moving mechanism comprises a spring member.

23. (New) A method of correcting a blur of a photographing apparatus by a corrector, comprising the steps of:

moving the corrector in a first direction;

moving a flash device to a first position, the flash device illuminating an object while at the first position; and

holding the corrector during a movement of the flash device in the first direction.

24. (New) A method according to claim 23, further comprising the steps of:
exposing the object with the photographing apparatus while the flash device illuminates the object.
25. (New) A method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of:
supplying power to the corrector to move the corrector in the first direction.
26. (New) A method of correcting a blur by a corrector, comprising the steps of:
selecting one of a correction enabled state to permit working of the corrector
and a correction disabled state so as not to permit working of the corrector;
moving the corrector in a first direction to correct the blur in the correction
enabled state, the corrector being driven by supplying power;
stopping the supplying of the power in the correction disabled state; and
resupplying the power in the correction disabled state to hold the corrector at a
predetermined position.
27. (New) A method according to claim 26, wherein:
the corrector in the correction disabled state is held at the predetermined
position by electromagnetic force caused by the power.
28. (New) A method according to claim 27, wherein:
the corrector can freely move in the first direction within a movable range
while the power is not supplied.